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1. DURING MEETING WITH DCM FEBRUARY 11 ALEX ALATAS
MALIK'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM TO ALGIERS,
ADDED SOMEWHAT TO INFORMATION ON KHMER ISSUE WHICH
MALIK GAVE AMBASSADOR(REFTEL).

2. ALATAS STATED THAT, GIVEN INDONESIAN ASSESSMENT
UNGA VOTE CANNOT BE REPEATED, GOI IS TRYING TO PROMOTE
TALKS BETWEEN OPPOSING SIDES. HOWEVER, WHEN MALIK RAISED
ISSUE DURING DECEMBER VISIT TO MOSCOW, SOVIETS SHOWED NO
INTEREST IN HELPING TO PROMOTE SUCH TALKS. (ALATAS NOTED
IN AN ASIDE THAT USSR IS PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED WITH
PROTECTING ITS RELATIONS WITH HANOI AGAINST CHINESE INROADS).
WHEN MALIK RAISED KHMER QUESTION WITH ALGERIANS DURING
OPEC MEETING, THEY INDICATED INTEREST IN ASSISTING
ARRANGE TALKS ONLY IF SIHANOUK WILLING TO PARTICIPATE.
SINCE SIHANOUK WILL NOT PARTICIPATE AS LONG AS LON NOL
IN POWER, MATTER DROPPED THERE. ABSENCE OF REACTION TO

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PROPOSED TALKS FROM KHIEU SAMPHAN, WITH WHOM THERE SOME

CONTACT THROUGH HIS REPRESENTATIVES IN PARIS, COMPOUNDS DILEMMA. ALATAS SAID ALGERIANS CLEARLY CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT KEEP IN GOOD WITH SIHANOUK BECAUSE OF RESPECT HE COMMANDS IN THIRD WORLD; ALGERIANS NEVER STATED, HOWEVER, WHETHER THEY BELIEVE SIHANOUK SHOULD RETURN TO POSITION OF POWER IN CAMBODIA, BUT INDICATED IT UNLIKELY HE WOULD BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN POSITION (EVEN NOMINAL) FOR VERY LONG.

3. ALATAS SAID THAT SEC GEN WALDHEIM IS SURE TO REMIND USG, GOI AND OTHERS THAT WE HAVE "SADDLED" HIM WITH TASK OF PROMOTING TALKS WITHOUT INDICATING HOW HE CAN ACCOMPLISH JOB. ALATAS CONCLUDED THAT GOI BELIEVES USG MIGHT BE ABLE TO PLAY USEFUL ROLE VIS A VIS PEKING IN GETTING TALKS STARTED. WE COMMENTED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER, WHEN IN PEKING LAST NOVEMBER, HAD DETECTED NO CHINESE INTEREST IN PLAYING ROLE IN THIS MATTER.

4. IN MEETING FEBRUARY 12 FONDEPT DIRGEN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS DJAJADININGRAT CONFIRMED TO AMBASSADOR THAT GOI AT LOSS AS TO HOW PROCEED WITH KHMER PROBLEM, REITERATING OFTEN EXPRESSED REQUEST THAT WE KEEP GOI INFORMED OF ANY DIPLOMATIC MOVES WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO NEGOTIATIONS. INDONESIA WANTS TO KNOW IF US PLANS ANY INITIATIVES OR IF WE KNOW OF OTHER INITIATIVES. AMBASSADOR TOLD DJAJADININGRAT AS FAR AS HE KNEW, THERE SEEMED LITTLE OPPORTUNITY FOR INITIATIVES, AT LEAST UNTIL MILITARY SITUATION STABILIZED. ACTION OF US CONGRESS COULD WELL DETERMINE WHETHER THIS WOULD COME ABOUT. NEWSOM

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